

Hello,

I am writing on behalf of bill HB 5447. I am currently a special education teacher at an outplacement school in Milford, CT. This is not a job that I take lightly, nor do all the employees who work in this field and specifically with me. It is a job that takes a lot of energy, love, and commitment. When reading of this bill that was raised and will go to hearing on Wednesday, I had many thoughts going through my head.

I am saddened to see a bill like this take the stand. The children we focus on need us. They need us as educators and they need you as state leaders to stand up for them. This bill will not only cut funding towards some programs which help these children (mine being one of them) but it puts a cap on how much we can give them. Limited funding or putting a rate of schedule to these services will directly affect OUR CHILDREN! In the end, the workers are not in it for the money. But we are in it for the children, adolescents, and adults that need our services.

I am asking that you please do not consider this bill as a way to help our children. This is going to greatly affect all those within special education who require more intensive services. We are their voice, we are their future and WE need to all stand together for this.

If you need to contact me, feel free. My numbers is [\(203\) 996-9360](tel:2039969360). And my home address is 370 Shore Drive. Branford, CT 06405.

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